

EDRP Public Meeting April 17, 2012 Noon @ City Hall

Dick McCracken called the meeting to order

Minutes from April 10th Approved

Dick McCracken introduced the Panel:

Attendees: Tony Bilz, Ashley Schutte, Darleen Connolly, Dick McCracken, Phil Kahn & David Hertz
Mike Flint was absent

This is a Public Meeting so Dick asked any speakers to raise their hand if they want to speak and wait for him to recognize them. After the speech, the panel will then be allowed to ask questions.

Recognized Joseph Niehaus from the floor:

Joseph thanked the Panel for the opportunity to speak. He mentioned that MidCor was formed in 1983 and there have been many projects that have been implemented to attract Economic Development since this time. He asked the Panel to inform the Public of each of these projects and include how much money was spent for them and what the results were. He also asked if the money that has been taken from the schools, in the TIF district, has been replaced. He suggested we include a map of the TIF district on our website. It should show all our shovel ready sites.

Open for Panel Questions:

Darleen Connolly asked...do you want to know what funds have been spent since 1983?

Yes. What tax funds have been raised and spent for what projects. He feels that we have some great projects but he just is not aware of them. If the public has these answers then he feels they will not be critical of the process.

Dick McCracken invited any other speakers to come forward. No one else spoke.

Dick called on Darleen Connolly and Ashley Schutte for an update of the Public Survey.

The survey is intended to gather public data on specific questions. You will be able to access it online or by hard copy. Simply fill out the survey and return it within 2 weeks for the panel to accumulate data. The survey is not available yet, but we will issue a press release to let the public know when it will be available. The panel will also be providing a means for the public to submit more in-depth comments and observations.

Dick McCracken announced that Jeff Finkle will be making a presentation @ VOBC tonight @ 7pm. Networking begins at 6:30pm if any would like to participate.

Dick McCracken recognized Tammy Hagemer when she arrived a bit late for the meeting. He asked if she had any public comments to make. She too reiterated that the public would like to know what projects have been funded for Economic Development and fruit that has been produced as a result. She commented that we have many great projects that should be kept. We just need to inform the public as to what those projects are.

Next Meeting is April 24th @ 6:30 pm. Speakers will be Georgie Kelley, Linda Lytle and Steve Thomas.

Meeting Adjourned @ 12:20 pm